



Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0551-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/849,495	#147RCE
Filing Date	May 4, 2001	type
First Named Inventor	DENIS KHOO	3-25-04
Art Unit	3622	
Examiner Name	Ms. Khanh H. Le	
Attorney Docket Number	273201-0281659	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 033975

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Dale S. Lazar	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28872
Signature		Date	March 15, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type)		Date	
Signature		Date	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application to the USPTO. This will vary depending on the individual case. Any comment on the amount of time you believe is necessary to complete this burden can be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

03/16/2004 TLUU11 00000056 033975 09849495

01 FC:2801 385.00 DA

RECEIVED
MAR 17 2004
GROUP 3600

Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO)

NOTES:

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under *Ex parte Quayle*). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:

Request for Suspension of Action:

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.



RCF #
3622

PTO/SB/17 (1-04-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0551-0232
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT **(\$)** 465.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

Credit card Money Order Other None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Name
PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
 To the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Fee Code (\$)	Fee Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385			Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170			Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265			Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		0.00			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee from below		Fee Paid
		Extra Claims Fee Code (\$)	Fee Fee Code (\$)	
Total Claims Independent	122	-20*	-5	X 0
Multiple Dependent		XXX*	-1	X 0
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		0.00		

* or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, add 100%.

** or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, add 100%.

SUBMITTED BY
 Name (Print/Type) **Date** **S. Lazar**

Signature *[Signature]*

Complete If Known	
Application Number	09/849,495
Filing Date	May 4, 2001
First Named Inventor	DENIS KHOO
Examiner Name	Ms. Khanh H. Le
Art Unit	3622
Attorney Docket No.	273201-0281659

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Fee Code (\$)	Fee Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051	65	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052	25	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1063 130	2063	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251	55	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252	210	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253	475	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254	740	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255	1,005	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401	165	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402	165	165	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403	145	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452	55	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453	665	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 330	2501	665	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502	240	240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503	320	320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	80.00
1809 770	2809	385	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810	385	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	385.00
1801 770	2801	385	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)		Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid		SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)	465.00

(Complete if applicable)

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) **28872** Telephone (703) 905-2126
 Date **March 15, 2004**

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-203B.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to be paid to the USPTO to process an application, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

RECEIVED
MAR 17 2004
GROUP 3600